

Request for Offers (RFO) Addendum

RFO Number: RFO0031

Addendum Number: 1

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Title: Minnesota Provider Screening and Enrollment (MPSE) Application

SCOPE OF ADDENDUM

The following are changes to the RFO:

Responses to questions received:

1. Q - I wanted to confirm that you are looking for 2 Developers for RFO0031?
A – Yes
2. Q - Are you looking for 1 Front End Developer and 1 Backend Developer or 2 candidates that have both Front End and Back End experience?
A – We are looking for two developers, both with Front End and Back End experience.
3. Q - The qualifications (required/requested skills) for both of the developers are the same, correct?
A – Yes
4. Do both the contractors need to have the same skill sets? What/Is there any differentiation between them?
A – We are looking for two contractors with the same skill sets.
5. Q - Is Drools a required/desired skill?
A – Drools is not a required or desired skill for these positions
6. Q - In the Required Skills section, there is a column for "Designed/architected applications". What sort of application design experience are you looking for as you are expecting 2 years of experience in this area?
A – Three-tier architecture (client/server)
7. Q - What Agile process do you prefer? Is it SCRUM with regular sprints? More details needed.
A – We would like to see SCRUM with regular sprints

8. Q - Is Continuous integration/Continuous Delivery part of your Agile process or is there any specific process you follow outside the Agile process for this? More details needed.
A – We will utilize agile methodology to with SCRUM process to see quicker and faster turnaround time.
9. Q - Are you willing to take 1 of 2 candidates from two vendors or must both contractors be accepted from one vendor?
A – They can be from difference vendors
10. Can this be a deliverable based project versus a contract for individual programmers?
A - Contract
11. Q - Has the Drools Developer been previously selected?
A – The team currently has one contractor with Drools experience.
12. Q – Is there an incumbent contractor(s) either currently working, or who recently worked, on this project?
A – No
13. Q - Would you consider candidates currently not local to the metro but willing to relocate and be onsite?
A – Yes
14. Q - What is the proposed team size?
A – Between 4 – 6 team members
15. Q - What is interview process? Telephonic, in-person? How many rounds?
A – The interview will be in-person (face to face) and will be generally one time (up-to 2 hrs.)
16. Q – What is your interviewing process? Are you open to phone or Skype interviews?
A – In person (face to face) interview is required.
17. Q - Can the State please clarify by providing a comprehensive list of datasets to be utilized by the Back-end Provider Validation Service (PVS), in order to meet compliance with Federal provider screening mandates?
Particularly, describe the source and provider of each dataset to be screened against. Is the selected vendor responsible for providing all required screening elements – particularly:
- a. Federal datasets, Minnesota-specific datasets
 - b. Multi-state licensure (Minnesota and other states in which providers may be licensed, per regulation)
 - c. Criminal background screens for high-risk providers
 - d. Vital statistics, etc.

A – This PVS will be further discussed with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to come up with the decision on how to utilize the shared services.

18. Q -Is the selected vendor responsible for meeting federal requirements to screen business agents and owners with greater than a 5% ownership stake in a provider entity?

A – We are uncertain what this question is referring to.

19. Is the selected vendor responsible for providing a linking/entity resolution service to reconcile slight differences in the way provider identities occur (Spelling, license number miskey) to correctly match a single provider across multiple disparate datasets?

A – Yes

20. Q - Is the selected vendor responsible for integrating and storing the various, disparate datasets required for PVS service?

A – Yes

21. Q - Is the State interested in a comprehensive service, available via system-to-system calls for validation/revalidation or batch process for monthly required full-file scans; One that has been built to match Federal screening requirements and demonstrated operational by numerous vendors in numerous state Medicaid programs? Or is the present procurement designed effectively to develop, integrate, and link such a service from the ground-up?

A – This will be discussed with CMS on how to how to utilize shared-services.

RESPONDER NAME:

SIGNATURE:

TITLE:

DATE: